

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 408**

Hey guys! How are you doing?

Many students and other people have asked me, "What's your favourite Japanese food?"

Well, I think some of you already know some Japanese foods I don't like, but there are many kinds of Japanese foods that I do like! Of course, I like yakiniku and yakitori – because they're just meat, and I love meat. But I also like ramen, katsu, and shabu shabu. I actually love shabu shabu!

What about you guys? Let me know, okay? See you next time!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 408**

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I will be telling you a little bit more about New York City. Let's begin:

If you are interested in architecture, there are many interesting buildings in the city. The Empire State Building is a beautiful, tall building built many years ago. There are many beautiful old churches. You can go in and enjoy the interiors and the stained glass. Don't forget to visit the Statue of Liberty on Liberty Island. There is a ferry to go to the island, and from the deck of the ferry you can see the view of the skyscrapers. If you are wondering where to go during your next vacation, the Big Apple should be your choice. You will never be sorry if you come to New York.

Alright, that is all for today. Thank you very much for watching and see you next time. Bye-bye!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 408

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have a text called, 'Changing Places'. Take a listen.

One of the most conspicuous differences between the Democratic and Republican Parties in the United States is the attitude they take to the power of the federal government, and in particular to the question of federal spending. In every election, Democratic candidates are usually united in their condemnation of the growing inequality in American society. They tend to argue in favor of compassionate welfare policies designed to help those who find it difficult to succeed in a competitive capitalist economy. Republicans, on the other hand, rarely pass up an opportunity to express their hostility to any interference with the workings of the free market.

This distinction between the two parties can be traced back to the election of 1936, where they collided over the policies known as the New Deal. President Franklin Roosevelt proposed a series of reforms aimed to help the country recover from the Great Depression. The Republican candidate, however, opposed these measures as a reckless drain on government resources and a recipe for economic disaster. Roosevelt went on to win by a landslide. The Republicans, though, continued to criticize Democratic policies as wasteful and inefficient and to insist on the need for the incentives of a free market as a spur to economic growth.

Well, that's all for today and I'll see you in class. Bye-bye!